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SUBJ: AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL PARK IN ISRAEL

REF: STATE 136661

1. WE SEEN NO PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSED VISIT BY ADMINISTRATOR WARNER. ASSUME THAT ISRAELIS WILL ABIDE BY WHATEVER GROUND RULES WARNER SETS IN ACCEPTING INVITATION. IT MIGHT BE BEST, HOWEVER, IF WARNER'S VISIT WAS UNDER AUSPICES OF GOI RATHER THAN JNF, AND HIS ASSOCIATION WITH JNF HERE COULD BE CONFINED TO SPECIFIC PROJECT OF BICENTENNIAL PARK.

2. FROM EMBASSY'S POINT OF VIEW, VISIT OF WARNER COULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN FORCING ISRAELIS TO FOCUS ON BICENTENNIAL MATTERS AND PROVIDE ORGANIZATION FOCUS FOR EMBASSY IN DEALING WITH GOI ON SUBJECT.

3. RE SCHEDULING OTHER BICENTENNIAL EVENTS IN CONNECTION WITH WARNER VISIT, I HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK TO ATTEND INAUGURATION OF LIBERTY PARK IN WEST REPEAT WEST JERUSALEM ON EVENING OF JULY 2. GUEST LIST INCLUDES PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER. IT POSSIBLE ISRAELIS WOULD WISH TO MOVE UP DEDICATION DATE IN VIEW OF WARNER VISIT.

4. CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT WILL BE JOHN CROCKETT, CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF BICENTENNIAL MATTERS FOR EMBASSY. USIS WILL, OF COURSE, GIVE COVERAGE TO VISIT. LOCAL MEDIA WILL ALSO COVER VISIT EXTENSIVELY. IF VISIT IS UNDER GOI AUSPICES WITH SPECIFIC PURPOSE HIGHLIGHTING BICENTENNIAL

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ACTIVITIES IN ISREL, WE FORESEE NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES RE PUBLICITY.

5. PLEASE CONFIRM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT WARNER IS COMING ON JUNE 21 TO STAY FOR FIVE DAYS. BELIEVE DEPARTMENT SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE WITH ISRAELI EMBASSY TO ENCOURAGE GOI TO HAVE VISIT UNDER ITS AUSPICES. ONCE WE HAVE CONFIRMATION HERE THAT VISIT IS ON AND DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN ACTION AS SUGGESTED, WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN GOI HERE.

6. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WE ARE OUT OF REPRESENTATION FUNDS. IF I AM EXPECTED TO HOST A REPRESENTATIONAL AFFAIR FOR MR. WARNER, IT WILL HAVE TO BE FAIRLY BIG AND EXPENSIVE. WOULD APPRECIATE, THEREFORE CONFIRMATION EITHER THAT THE ARBA COULD FUND SUCH AN AFFAIR OR THAT DEPARTMENT HAS MADE AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL \$300.00
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